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SUBJECT: ARAB BOYCOTT: FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS

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1. TOOK ADVANTAGE PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED CALL ON FONOFF USEC
HASHIM OSMAN 1000 ZULU FEB 28, IN COMPANY DEPASSTSEC SEELYE,
TO CARRY OUT REFTEL INSTRUCTIONS. I EMPHASIZED NEW ADMINIST-
RATION REMAINS DEEPLY COMMITTED TO MAINTAINING ITS FRIENDLY

AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH VARIOUS COUNTRIES OF THE REGION AND THAT IT IS IN THAT SPIRIT WE APPROACHING QUESTION AMERICAN LEGISLATION ON BOYCOTT ISSUES. WHILE ANY COUNTRY HAS SOVEREIGN RIGHT TO REGULATE ITS OWN COMMERCE, OUR INTENTION IS TO DEAL WITH EFFECTS OF BOYCOTT WHICH TOUCH UPON MATTERS OF OUR OWN SOVEREIGNTY AND INVOLVE US COMMERCE AND ACTIVITIES OF US PERSONS.

2. I THEN WENT OVER IN SOME DETAIL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY BOYCOTTS AND POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN. NOTED THIS NO PROBLEM FOR US IN SUDAN AS GOS DOES NOT REQUIRE NEGATIVE CERTIFICATION. OSMAN AGREED THIS WAS THE CASE. IN CONCLUSION I SAID WE SEEKING BOTH GOS AND OTHER ARAB GOVERNMENTS UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION ON STEPS THAT COULD BE TAKEN TO REDUCE THE PROBLEMS AT ISSUE. THIS CONNECTION, SAG HAD RECENTLY TOLD US THAT IT WILL HENCEFORTH ACCEPT POSITIVE CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN FROM AMERICAN EXPORTERS. OSMAN REITERATED GOS DOES NOT EMPLOY NEGATIVE CERTIFICATION DEVICE BUT WOULD CAREFULLY NOTE USG VIEWS IN CONNECTION ANY NEW MEETINGS AT BOYCOTT OFFICE. WE BOTH AGREED GOS REGULATIONS APPEAR RAISE NO MAJOR PROBLEM ON BOYCOTT FRONT. OSMAN SAID GOS COULD DO LITTLE TAKE LEAD ON SUCH MATTERS IN ARAB LEAGUE CONTEXT BUT THAT, EVEN IF BOYCOTT OFFICE WERE TO IMPOSE ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS, WHETHER A MEMBER GOVERNMENT ADOPTED THEM WOULD BE A QUESTION FOR EACH COUNTRY'S SOVEREIGN DECISION.

3. COMMENT. GOS REGULATIONS ON BOYCOTT HAVE AS FAR AS WE KNOW CREATED NO PROBLEM HERE FOR AMERICAN FIRMS IN RECENT YEARS. WE DOUBT THIS WELCOME SITUATION WILL CHANGE BUT SUDAN CAN HARDLY

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BE EXPECTED PLAY INFLUENTIAL ROLE IN BOYCOTT OFFICE DELIBERATIONS. REFERENCE TO SAUDI ARABIA IN ABOVE PRESENTATION WAS OBVIOUSLY MADE PRIOR PROCESSING JIDDA 1584 OR RECEIPT STATE 043716. OSMAN IS GENIAL INDIVIDUAL BUT TAKES LITTLE INITIATIVE SO THAT I DOUBT SAUDIS WILL LEARN OF THIS POINT IN ORIGINAL INSTRUCTIONS FROM GOS.

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